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EEC BEEF IMPORT BAN

1. ON RETURN FROM ROME WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, CHAIRMAN OF
FEC COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE KUSTARAK TOLD PRESS THAT -
BASED ON HIS DISCUSSIONS THERE WITH FRG MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
ERTL AND ITALIAN MINISTER BISAGLIA - HE EXPECTED EEC WOULD END
BAN ON BEEF IMPORT FROM YUGOSLAVIA WITHING TWO OR THREE MONTHS.

2. KUSTRAK CAUTIONED THAT ERTL AND BISAGLIA FAVORABLE ATTITUDE
ON ENDING BAN "DID NOT REPRESENT EEC ATTITUDE AS A WHOLE, "BUT
ADDED THAT HE HAD BEEN ASSURED OF STRON GERMAN AND ITALIAN
SUPPORT AMQ CONFIDENCE THAT EFFORTS WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL.

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3. IN PLACE OF BAN EEC MAY BE EXPECTED TO INTRODUCE IMPORT

QUOTA SYSTEM, WITH PREFERENCE GIVEN TO IMPORT OF LIVE YOUNG CATTLE, RATHER THAN MEAT, KUSTRAK STATED.

4. COMMENT: BY TIME SHIPMENTS MAY RESUME, EEC BAN ON BEEF IMPORTS AND EARLIER ITALIAN RESTRICTCCNS WILL HAVE COST YUGOSLAVIA OVER 100 MILLION DOLLARS IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE, AND CAUSED SEVERE DISRUPTION IN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC AGRICULTURE. END OF BAN WILL THUS BE VERY WELCOME, BUT CONVERSION BACK TO EARLIER -- AND RELATIVELY LESS PROFITABLE -- YUGOSLAV EMPHASIS ON LIVE SHIPMENTS WILL APPARENTLY BE NECESSARY. IN PAST TWO YEARS, YUGOSLAVIA HAS EMPHASIZED EXPORT OF SLAUGHTERED BABY BEEF. YUGOSLAVIA WILL RETAIN INTENSIVE INTEREST IN MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON MEAT (STATE 230031) AND IN FINDING WAYS TO AVOID SHARP FLUCTUATIONS IN WORLD MEAT TRADE.
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